

Office of the National Ombudsman

Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Business Thursday, June 14, 2007 Glendale, CA

Small business owners will have an opportunity to discuss issues regarding federal regulatory compliance and enforcement during this Forum.

Have you or a small business owner you know been unfairly fined or penalized by a federal government agency, or is a federal agency enforcement action imminent?

WHO: **SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas Owens**, members of the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board and representatives of Federal regulatory agencies will hear issues and comments about Federal regulatory enforcement and compliance. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations and community and business leaders are invited to comment about compliance and enforcement of regulations by Federal agencies.

WHAT: To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among Federal agencies and small businesses, the National Ombudsman holds Regulatory Fairness Hearings. Issues addressed at this forum will be directed to the appropriate Federal regulatory agency for a high-level review of the fairness in the enforcement action. In many instances, the National Ombudsman's action has resulted in Federal agencies reducing or waiving penalties and/or compliance actions.

WHERE: U.S. Small Business Administration, Los Angeles District Office, 330 North Brand Blvd., Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91203. (There is fee parking in the parking structure adjacent to the venue.)

WHEN: Thursday, June 14, 2007
Registration: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hearing: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Small business owners may testify during the hearing by registering in advance. Please call Armida Brother at (818) 552-3233 at the SBA Los Angeles District Office or send an e-mail to armida.brother@sba.gov. Testimony may be submitted in writing in advance or at the hearing. Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing.

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